

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$3,330,000. Local discount rates were between 5 1/2 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 10 discount bid, par asked.
Wheat closed higher at 84 1/2¢ May, 84 1/2¢ No. 2 red, corn closed higher at 4 1/2¢ May, 4 1/2¢ No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 37 1/2¢ bid May, 37 1/2¢ No. 2 mixed.
Spot cotton was 1/4¢ higher in the local market.

WASHINGTON.

Speaker Cannon yesterday ordered the chairman of the Committee on Labor Legislation from his room as a rebuke for what he considered an insult. It is claimed that the labor leader tried to dictate an appointment to the Labor Committee under threat of campaign work against Cannon in the event that he did not appoint his choice.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Menley Ogden of Jersey County was instantly killed by a falling tree. Congressman Vandiver outlined the plans for folk meetings and dates for speaking. The cases against James I. Blair will be set for trial next Tuesday.

The Business Men's League forwarded a report to Secretary Hitchcock on the Indian contract specifications.

The Board of Police Commissioners ordered the return of Chief of Detectives Desmond from Guadalajara.

Robert Trostberg, a Planter Hotel waiter, was sent to jail for not telling the whereabouts of the 6-year-old daughter of Harry Dorsh.

A bill was introduced in the Municipal Assembly to prevent brokers from selling railroad tickets marked "not transferable," the offense to be classed as a misdemeanor.

The garbage bills were read for the first time in the City Council.

Seven great coast-defense guns are on the way to the World's Fair, where a company of regular artillery is ready to install them.

Councilman Sheehan introduced a bill providing for an increase of salaries in the Health Department.

The thirty-eighth annual convention of the Missouri Sunday School Association begins in Pilgrim Church.

Three boats ran aground near Selma, Mo., by the channel of the river changing.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

As a result of the death of Judge W. M. Springer, chief justice of the State of Illinois, the drainage canal case has been postponed indefinitely.

A St. Joseph Police Judge sentenced a vagrant to take a bath every day for a week.

James Crowe, a prominent farmer of Monroe County, Illinois, died in a buggy by his daughter's side while they were driving home.

Michael Mulquene is killed in a runaway near Macon, Mo., while returning from a funeral.

Governor Peabody of Colorado proclaims Tetter County in a state of rebellion and thus virtually places it under martial law as a result of repeated acts of violence in connection with the miners' strike at Cripple Creek.

A bill has been introduced providing for the appointment of a cotton commission to fight the boll weevil. The measure provides for a \$500,000 appropriation.

The large increase in exports for the month of October, 1903, over the same month last year, indicates, experts say, that the expected revival of trade is at hand. The gain is stated as \$1,500,000.

Cattlemen are making a strong fight against some of the rules governing entries of cattle exhibits at the World's Fair.

A Chicago judge decides that the Franklin Union of Press Feeders is in contempt of court for violating an injunction directed against strikers.

One of the youthful Chicago bandits promises a jail guard \$25,000 for a chance to escape.

The trade reviews agree that a better feeling is general in the business world, stimulated partly by the approach of the holidays and colder weather, together with a more normal public sentiment.

Boatswain Deery of the naval tug Peoria saves the submarine torpedo boat Adler at the risk of his life by swimming to it in a fearful storm and making fast a towline.

By the action of his largest creditors Overseer Deery is made insolvent by suing those who alleged him bankrupt. An unidentified disciple visits Zion, following which Chicago attorneys petitioned that proceedings be dismissed.

A Baltimore bank chieftain sets his watch down in the Post Office while registering a letter. Two men grabbed it and got away with \$7,000 in securities.

The master plums in the formation of an international association to secure enforcement of sanitary laws and promote harmony between themselves and their workmen.

Committees will soon take action on the contested congressional seats. The Reynolds-Butler fight is one of the ten that will be decided.

Cotton manufacturers contemplate extensive curtailment for the next several months on account of the extremely high price of raw material.

A cat discharged a shotgun while chasing a mouse in a house at Vandalia, Ill., killing a child.

Wholesale hardware and grocery houses are destroyed by fire at Salina, Kas., with a loss of half a million dollars.

Attorney General Hamlin opens campaign headquarters at Springfield, Ill. Sheriff Quartermaster of Springfield, Ill., has issued an order that women visitors must be barred from the jail until after the removal of Fred Strube, the self-confessed murderer of Miss Alice Henniger near Tappan, Ill. Such crowds have been interfering with the work of the officers of the jail.

George Johnston of Winona, Mo., is acquitted of the charge of murdering his little cousin.

FOREIGN.

Austria and Russia have proposed to the Powers that Macedonia be taken under International Government, following the precedent established in Crete.

SPORTS.

The National Trotting Association may decide not to pass records made by fast harness horses with the aid of wind shields.

Four boxing bouts are set for the Missouri Club to-night.

Many awards were made in the Poultry Show classes yesterday.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Arable, from Liverpool; Moltke, from Hamburg.

New York, Dec. 4.—Steamer Campana, Liverpool and Queenstown, for New York, forty-five miles east of Nantucket at 12:15 p. m.

New York, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Siberian, Glasgow.

Queenstown, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Lucania, New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded.

Liverpool, Dec. 4.—Sailed: Armenian, New York.

Mobile, Dec. 4.—Sailed: Tunisian, Liverpool, Halifax and St. John, New Brunswick.

Naples, Dec. 4.—Arrived: Hohenzollern, New York, and sailed for Genoa.

New York, Dec. 4.—Steamer St. Louis, Cherbourg for New York, is reported by wireless telegraph in communication with Nantucket Lightship at 6:30 p. m.

Navre, Dec. 4.—Arrived: La Bretagne, New York.

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Sons of Veterans' Ball.

Members of the General F. Schaefer Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans, will give their first annual masquerade ball at Benton Park Hall, No. 244 South Jefferson avenue, to-night.

"POSTAL GIRLS" AT ST. ANN'S BAZAAR HAVE NOVEL PLANS TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR PROPOSED ASYLUM.



—By a Republic Photographer.

Reading from left to right: Misses Mary Joyce, Mae Engelman, Nettie Rickaby, Annabelle Rickaby, Florence McCormack, Margaret Sullivan and Elizabeth Craden.

Among the guests at the bazaar of St. Ann's in the Coliseum last night were Archbishop Glennon, President Francis of the World's Fair, Festus J. Wade and Harry B. Hawes.

The attendance was the largest of the week.

The concert by the Letter Carriers' Band was much enjoyed. During the evening President Francis and Archbishop Glennon made short addresses.

The general prices, including the building lot, the piano, the parlor suite, the automobile and the bedroom suit, will also be disposed of.

An additional prize will be a check for \$10. This was donated to the bazaar yesterday by a gentleman who requested that his name be not published.

The "postal girls" at the bazaar have proven one of its most attractive features. These girls, eight in number, have duties similar to those of the special delivery boys at the Post Office, the difference between the two being that the girls collect a large amount for the delivery of a letter.

The "postal girls" have their headquarters at the bazaar, where they are in charge of Miss Julia Sullivan, the postmistress. Miss Sullivan was the originator of this novel scheme, by which funds could be collected for the building of St. Ann's Foundling Asylum.

Dressed in white hooped suits and gray caps and with a leather letter bag thrown over their shoulder, the girls present a very attractive feature, and if a man has succeeded in getting away from them without paying for his letter he has not yet been found.

Their scheme is to ascertain the names of gentlemen who are in attendance with-

out letting them know of it. When they learn the names, they hurry to the station, where the letters are already prepared. Before delivering the letter they size up the person who is to receive it. If they think it will pay a fancy trade, they then go to the person and tell him that they have a special delivery letter for him. It is a very mean man who does not hand over the amount stamped on the letter.

The contents of the letter vary, according to age. If a young man, it is a love letter, with a well-known man, it is a personal letter.

The receipts of the subscription during the week have been from \$50 to \$100 a night. This is more money than any other separate feature has taken in.

The girls are the Misses Mary Joyce, Mae Engelman, Nettie Rickaby, Annabelle Rickaby, Florence McCormack, Margaret Sullivan and Elizabeth Craden.

The annual bazaar for the benefit of the St. Louis Children's Hospital opened at Mahler's Hall, No. 345 Olive street, last night, and will continue until 6 o'clock to-night.

The hall was radiant last night in its white and gold coloring, electric lights and rows of decorated tables, filled with holiday gifts, fancy goods, and a variety of confessions, fancy linen work and toilet articles.

Mrs. Hudson E. Bridge was chairman of the sales department, while Mrs. Norris Gregg was cashier.

Over the center table, with its Christmas tree and Southern amulet canopy, Mrs. John Fowler, Mrs. W. A. Stickney, Mrs. Elias Michael, president, and their display of fancy bags and baskets proved attractive.

The bonnet table was in charge of Mrs. Helen Ray, Mrs. J. L. Isaacson and Mrs. Henry Elliott. Mrs. Hattie Glenn, Mrs. L. M. McCall, Mrs. Edgar Tilton and Mrs. G. G. Glasgow were in charge of the exhibition of dolls, whose variety and nationality made an international show.

At the table devoted to children's toys were Mrs. Arthur G. Knorr, Mrs. Howard Elliott and Miss Virginia Elmer.

The art table was filled with many articles of beauty, prepared by Mrs. Bridge, Mrs. Norris Gregg, Mrs. Hattie Glenn, Mrs. L. M. McCall, Mrs. Edgar Tilton and Mrs. G. G. Glasgow.

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BIG GUNS ON WAY TO WORLD'S FAIR.

Seven Great Coast Defense Weapons to Be Operated by Electricity.

SOLDIERS AWAIT CANNON.

One Twelve-Inch Rifle With Its Mountings Weighs 212 Tons—Special Cars Required.

The United States exhibit of big guns at the World's Fair, plans for which were announced yesterday, will be the most comprehensive display of the kind ever made at an exposition. It will include seven large-type coast-defense guns, which will be operated up to the point of firing by a company of Coast Artillery.

So large are the guns that if they were actually fired the concussion and concussion would be so great that it would shatter windows and prove disastrous to installations in buildings within a wide radius of the exhibits. For this reason drills will stop at the point of firing.

All the guns will be set up just as they are when in use in coast fortifications. It will be possible for visitors to closely inspect them, and the workings will be explained by the regulars in charge of them. During the Exposition these soldiers will give two exhibition drills around the guns each day.

Captain Archibald Campbell of the United States Coast Artillery has charge of the exhibit, the big guns on the hill above the Government building being as follows:

The western gun is a 12-inch, breech-loading rifle, mounted on a pedestal, the eastern, at the top of the hill, is a 6-inch, breech-loading rifle, also on a pedestal. Both these guns point to the southwest.

On the lower platform is a 7-inch Howitzer, mounted on a pedestal, and a 12-inch mortar, set on a wooden platform. A 12-inch mortar, mounted on a pedestal, showing the largest pattern of this class of ordnance. It is capable of firing four miles in the air, and a projectile within range of from one to eight miles.

ENORMOUS WEIGHT.

In service this mortar would be surrounded by earth parapets, but to give visitors an opportunity of entering the gun pits, the parapet will be removed from the rear section. In addition there are a fifteen-pounder, rapid fire barbette gun and a six-inch barbette gun.

The placing of these guns will require considerable engineering skill and ingenuity. The 12-inch rifle weighs with its carriage 212 tons. The gun proper weighs 80 tons, and specially constructed cars will be required to transport it. It will be set in place by means of a hydraulic jack and blockings.

The guns will be brought on the Exposition tracks close to the place where they will be exhibited. The 6-inch rifle is a single piece of 15 tons, and the 12-inch mortar is a single piece of 15 tons, and the 12-inch mortar is a single piece of 15 tons.

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